

ACA Coastal Kayak

Day Trip Leader Training & Assessment

Thoughts

I would like to be able to lead trips for my club, camp, scout or similar group with confidence. This course is for intermediate or higher paddlers seeking to build planning and leadership skills on the water.



Prerequisites: ACA membership; L2 Skill Assessment, recent ACA Level 2 coastal kayak training or equivalent experience.

Next Step: This is excellent preparation for those considering an ACA Instructor development program.

Topics Covered

This is not a skills class. Course will concentrate on development and assessment of basic on-water leadership capabilities appropriate for beginner trips & tours in protected waters. Evaluation will emphasize trip planning, navigation, participant screening, communication, risk assessment & mitigation, group safety, group management, and rescue operations. Candidates are assessed during class and complete a final written exam to document competency.

Requirements

Competency: his 16-hour course is designed for the committed on-water leader with competency in ACA Level-2 skills or higher (see Prerequisites).

Basic Equipment: properly outfitted sea kayak with integral flotation and deck-lines, appropriate navigation equipment, touring paddle and related safety equipment including PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump, sling, and first aid kit. This equipment can be provided if needed, although it expected that students at this level will use your own equipment. Please advise us on any equipment you may need before the class.

Personal Equipment: bring clothing suitable for immersion (synthetics, no cotton) and water shoes. Come prepared for frequent immersion while practicing skills. Use of nose-clips, earplugs, and/or swim goggles during immersion is acceptable, though not required. Other items may include: sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent, wind breaker or paddle top, and spare (dry) clothing.

NOTE: We are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Plan to leave electronic keys, cell phones, etc. on shore or in a floating, waterproof container. Consider retention aids for prescription glasses, hats and other items dear to you.

Special Requirements

Please bring a desire for serious fun, a willingness to practice skills and push your comfort level. In order to best serve you please advise us of any personal issues when registering so that we can prepare in advance for special paddling equipment. Let us know in confidence of any medical issues prior to the start of class. We can accommodate most concerns.

Costs and Fees

Class Fee	Boat and Gear Rental	ACA Assessment Card
Inquire	Available, Inquire	Included if successful